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## **AMENDMENTS THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claims 1 to 4 as set forth below. The listing of claims provided below replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A precision dendrometer, of the type based on the use of extension measurement bands as resistances for a Wheatstone Bridge type circuit, said dendrometer comprising consisting of:

a sensor holder that serves as a part for securing the dendrometer to a plant; and an electronic interface connecting the sensor holder to [[a]] data collector equipment and a sensor;

wherein said sensor comprises a cylindrical body (13) of aluminium, the cylindrical body (13) of aluminum coupled to a first end of an aluminium sheet (10) on which the extension measurement bands are mounted; a second end of the aluminium sheet (10) narrowing to an end for contacting the plant (18), and wherein said sensor is configured to determine a dimensional variation of the plant according to a pressure exerted by the plant.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The precision dendrometer of claim 1, wherein the second end of the aluminium sheet (10) has a double bend with convergent side edges, forming a substantially angular and rounded end (11).
- 3. (Currently Amended) The precision dendrometer of claim 1, wherein the sensor holder (15) comprises:

a cylindrical cavity configured to hold the cylindrical body (13) of aluminum; and

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a plurality of rods (16) acting as feet, and at least one of the plurality of rods is coupled to a part (17) for adjusting and securing the precision dendrometer to the plant.

4. (Currently Amended) The precision dendrometer of claim 3, wherein the plurality of rods (16) are fabricated from material that has a zero coefficient of expansion, to allow the constant variation microns of the plant (18) to be measured.